

Resolution:	<u>15-962</u>
Introduced:	<u>April 12, 2005</u>
Adopted:	<u>April 19, 2005</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Authorization to file application for FY 2006 Annual Transportation Plan grant

Background

1. This is a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Division of Transit Services of the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Section 5307, 5311 and/or 3037 grant under the Federal Transit Act.
2. The Maryland Transit Administration is the designated recipient in Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act. The Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to counties and to local governments for a mass transportation program of projects.
3. The contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program.
4. It is required by the United States Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder.
5. It is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

1. The Council endorses the Department of Public Works and Transportation FY 2006 grant application for the Maryland Transit Administration's Annual Transportation Plan. A summary of the application is attached.
2. The County Executive is requested to endorse this resolution, thereby indicating his approval of the application.
3. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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County Executive

**Summary of Grants
MTA Annual Transportation Plan
For Fiscal Year 2006**

Rural Public Transportation Plan (RPTP)

Montgomery County operates the Ride On Bus which provides public transportation service to Urbana, Clarksburg and Damascus. The Maryland Transit Administration in lieu of providing these services awarded a Rural Public Transportation grant to assist in the operation of Ride On routes #75 and #90. New for FY06, Montgomery County is including Ride On route #76 to Poolesville. Federal and State funds totaling \$296,543 for FY05 are matched with a 48% local match from the County.

Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP)

The SSTAP funded services are provided under the County's Call-n-Ride program which is serviced solely by taxi companies. This aligns well with Medical Transportation and the Taxi Voucher programs. Both the Call-n-Ride and the Medical Transportation programs pre-screened recipients use the service at reduced rates. Certain criteria must be met for each program. Montgomery County will receive \$379,107 from the State to operate the Call-n-Ride program, and the State will reimburse the County for expenses incurred for the Medical Transportation program totaling more than \$2.5 million for FY05.

Federal Earmark

The Federal Earmark program assists in the purchase of replacement buses. For FY04 federal funds administered by the Maryland Transit Administration totaled more than \$1.9 million. For FY05 Montgomery County is funded at \$1.7 million.

Jobs Access and Reverse Commute

The Jobs Access and Reverse Commute grant is partially federally funded. The State of Maryland administers the grant through the Maryland Transit Administration which provides for funding of additional routes and buses. The additional routes are designed to meet the first and last Metro Rail train time slots. These time slots are the second and third shifts which are usually the shifts that are obtainable for persons re-entering the job market. These are primarily TANF recipients.

Ride On bus identified and operates eight (8) routes that would either connect with other transportation or service specific job sites. These are the Ride On routes #5, #12, #16, #20, #26, #46, #55 and #59. Montgomery County will receive \$761,250 in Federal and State funds with a 25% match in FY05.